

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the application identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.112 and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

As noted in the Office Action Summary, claims 1, 3-9 and 11-16 are pending in the present application. Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 1 and 3-8 contain allowable subject matter (Official Action at page 2).

Claim 9 has been amended for clarification purposes. Basis for the amendment may be found on page 14 of the specification as-filed, and no new matter is presented herein.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 9 and 11-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as purportedly being incomplete for omitting a particular drying step.

In the interest of expediting prosecution in this matter, Applicants have amended claim 9 to recite, "drying the photosensitive layer coating solution for 10 to 120 seconds under a temperature condition of 90 to 140°C," in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

In light of the above amendment, Applicants request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the only remaining rejection has been overcome by the above amendment. As such, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney by telephone so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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